



1030th meeting of the  
**Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

**8:00PM Wednesday, January 23, 2002**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval St. at 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. San Francisco

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**Sarah Nordin**  
"Arizona Trade Tokens"

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Please join us this month to hear *Sarah Nordin* speak about trade tokens from the Valentine State, Arizona.

## **2002 PCNS Officers**

A new slate of officers has been elected at the December 2001 meeting. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time and efforts to make the Society a success! Your officers for 2002 are:

*Michael Wehner* President

*Sarah Nordin* Vice President

*Steve Huston* Treasurer

*Herb Miles* Secretary

*Gordon Donnell* President ex Officio

*Phil Nordin* Governor

*Jack Free* Governor

*Larry Reppeteau* Governor

*Michael Wehner* will also continue to serve as the PCNS Bulletin editor.

## **The PCNS year in review.**

2001 was a particularly successful year for PCNS. *Jerry Schimmel* was unanimously elected a Fellow of the PCNS, the society's highest honor. This award recognizes Jerry's contributions to numismatics through his many writings on San Francisco history through its exnumia. He was presented with a silver octagonal medal with the PCNS seal by the Society's president in March, 2001.

The monthly presentations were of an exceptionally high quality featuring both society members and non-members. The PCNS 2001 calendar was:

January: *Steve Huston* "The Crime of Coin Collecting, or How Coin Collecting is Contrary to Gresham's Law".

February: *Herb Miles* "The Invisible Empire"

March: *Larry Reppeteau* "British Coin Weights"

April: *Charles Woodruff* "Grading Paper Money"

May: *Halbert Carmichael* "Birds on Coins"  
June: Annual Banquet at the Gold Mirror Italian Restaurant  
July: Ken Barr "Military Payment certificates"  
August: *Phil Nordin* "Coin Photography"  
September: *Joe Wargo* "European Thalers"  
October: *Jack Free & Michael Wehner* "Cable car exonomia"  
November: *Jerry Schimmel* "Grand Army of the Republic"  
December: Holiday Party & election of officers.

The highlight of the year was the Northern California Educational Symposium of the California State Numismatic Association. Hosted for a second time by the PCNS, this event again brought national caliber numismatic presentations to the San Francisco Bay Area. Many thanks to Ruth Phillips, CSNA president for her strong support of this event and to the many PCNS members for making it so successful. This year's symposium speakers were:

*Duane Feisel* "California Saloon tokens"  
*Joe Boling* "Collecting counterfeit world currency"  
*Bill Metcalf* "The Mint at Rome"  
*David Lange* "The coinage of the Philippines"

### **2002 Dues.**

Dues for 2002 are now past due. Regular membership is \$10. Each additional family member is \$5.00. You may become a PCNS sponsor for additional tax-deductible \$50.00 or more.

### **Editor's note.**

The PCNS mission is well described in its by-laws: 'to promote, develop, and foster numismatics in all its branches along educational, historical, and scientific lines'. One of the best ways to accomplish this goal is for each of us to write down some small bits of our own personal numismatic expertise. Short pieces, like the ones appearing in the Bulletin over the past year, are an easy way to get started writing. The editor encourages everyone to pick out some of their favorite numismatic treasures and submit a paragraph or two. Thanks to all who contributed in 2001!



The first token of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society.

Obverse: TOKEN / OF / ESTEEM/ 1930 H.L.H. E.R.W.

Reverse: FARRAN ZERBE / FOUNDER P.C.N.S. / SAN FRANCISCO / 1915

Round, 30.5mm, plain edge, bronze, brilliant, unknown make, unknown mintage.

The first token or medal associated with the PCNS was issued to honor the Society's founder, Farran Zerbe. By 1930, Zerbe had relocated back to the east coast but returned in July of that year for a Founder's dinner in his honor. The initials H.L.H. and E.R.W. appear on the tokens. Harvey L. Hansen and Ernest R. Wernstrom were among the most active members of the society during the 1930s, and it is likely that they commissioned this issue. Found in both aluminum and bronze alloy, there are rumors of a fibre example. Any information regarding such specimens would be greatly appreciated by the Editor.